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The Honorable William D. Quarles
United States District Court for
the District of Maryland
101 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: Darius F. Queen v. H.D. Ward
Civil No. WDQ-02-3885

Dear Judge Quarles:

There is currently a pre-trial conference scheduled in the above-captioned case on Thursday, December 9, 2004. At this time, however, there is still a pending dispositive motion. Defendant has filed a Motion to Dismiss or, in the alternative, a Motion for Summary Judgment. Plaintiff's deadline for responding to this Motion is December 7, 2004. Both parties have discussed this matter and believe it is in everyone's best interest to postpone the pre-trial conference until after the Motion has been ruled upon. Both parties would respectfully request, therefore, that the pre-trial hearing be rescheduled to an agreeable date after the motion has been ruled up.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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